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# News Release

## **HOMELAND SECURITY AGENTS TARGET VIOLENT CRIMINAL ALIENS** *Convicted murderers, drug violators and armed robbers to face new felony charges*

**NEW YORK, NY** – Martin D. Ficke, Special Agent-in-Charge for the New York office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today announced the arrest of 27 criminal aliens as part of a program targeting more than 70 fugitives from 22 nations who illegally re-entered the United States after deportation.

Among those arrested was Jeovanny Matud, who has 11 prior arrests in New York and 5 in New Jersey. Matud is a career criminal with arrests and convictions including, assault with intent to cause physical injury with a weapon, weapons possession, grand larceny, burglary and possession of stolen property for which he has previously been sentenced to 5-8 years.

Upon release from prison Matud was deported to Ecuador, but illegally returned before being caught and deported again in 2000. Upon learning of Matud's return this time ICE agents worked with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York to have him indicted for illegally re-entering the country. Matud is now in custody pending trial.

The New York ICE Office, in cooperation with the U.S. Marshal's Regional Fugitive Task Force, and the U.S. Attorney's Offices of the Southern and Eastern District Courts and the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services launched this initiative that targets the arrest and prosecution of dangerous criminal aliens who are in this country illegally.

"These fugitives all have felony convictions, many for violent crimes, all have been previously deported and barred from re-entry to the United States and are all a clear threat to the New York community," said Special Agent Ficke. "ICE's goal is to get these criminals who repeatedly violated our nation's laws off the street, back behind bars, and then back to their country of origin after their sentence is served."

Previous felony convictions for these criminal aliens include murder, manslaughter, assault, resisting arrest, robbery, grand larceny, burglary, criminal possession of a weapon, and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Since this initiative began, ICE agents and the U.S. Marshal's Regional Fugitive Task Force have arrested 27 of the indicted criminal aliens. While seeking out the indicted fugitives, ICE agents made eight additional criminal arrests and five administrative arrests totaling 40 criminal aliens arrested in the New York area since July.

Below are the 22 countries and number of fugitives from each country:

Antigua 1	El Salvador 8	Panama 5
Bahamas 1	Guatemala 2	Peru 4
Barbados 1	Guyana 3	Poland 1
Belize 1	Honduras 2	Spain 1
Colombia 18	Jamaica 16	Togo 1
Dominican Republic 46	Mexico 21	Trinidad 3
Ecuador 5	Nicaragua 1	UK 1
		USSR (birthplace) 1

Re-entering after deportation is a felony crime that carries a prison sentence of 4 to 20 years.

The arrest of fugitive criminal aliens is an on-going Homeland Security and ICE initiative.

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